

**SAN RAFAEL CITY SCHOOLS JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #1664**

**URGING SMART TO DESIGN AND BUILD THE VOTER PROMISED
PARALLEL MULTIUSE PATH ALONG THE
ENTIRE RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY INCLUDING THE SEGMENT
FROM ANDERSON DRIVE TO 2ND STREET IN SAN RAFAEL**

WHEREAS, in 2008 over two thirds of voters in Marin and Sonoma County passed Measure Q to allow the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART) to build a train and a multiuse path along the railroad right of way connecting the stations from Larkspur to Cloverdale; and

WHEREAS, SMART's environmental documents projected 7,000 to 10,000 daily trips will be made using its bicycle/pedestrian pathway; and

WHEREAS, SMART's December 2014 Environmental Assessment for the San Rafael to Larkspur Operating Segment does not include the original approved SMART Pathway along the railroad from Andersen Drive to Second Street, nor does their current design allow the future construction of the SMART Pathway in that area; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Pathway is a train and pathway project and the extension of the SMART multi-use pathway from Andersen Drive to Second Street should occur at the same time as the rail extension, and if the pathway is not designed into the project now, extension of the rail will exacerbate the right of way, engineering and environmental constraints, thus precluding construction of the SMART Pathway in the future; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Strategic Plan 2014 does not include three very important SMART Pathway Marin County segments in San Rafael, including the Andersen to Second Street, Second Street to Mission Avenue and from the path at the top of Puerto Suello Hill to the Civic Center (at North San Pedro Road in Central San Rafael). These three segments were included in the 2009 SMART Strategic Plan, the San Rafael SMART Station Area Plans, and have been a part of the vision for the North South Greenway multiuse path since the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, the three missing San Rafael SMART Pathway segments would serve several San Rafael schools and neighborhoods, providing safe routes to schools and safe bicycle and pedestrian passage through San Rafael where currently the lack of safe bicycle/pedestrian facilities through downtown San Rafael is a significant deterrent to more residents walking and biking to school and for local trips; and

WHEREAS, funding is in place to complete the North South Greenway from Wornum Drive in Corte Madera to the Central Marin Ferry Connection in Larkspur and the Andersen Drive to Second Street SMART multiuse pathway segment would result in a seamless, safe and separate from traffic pathway between the communities of San Rafael, Larkspur, and Corte Madera; and

WHEREAS, several studies support that residents of San Rafael and Marin County will walk and bicycle more if multiuse pathways are provided which are safe, direct, mostly flat, and which are completely separated from automobile traffic: and

WHEREAS, failure to fund and construct the voter promised multi-use pathways will significantly affect the ability for SMART to secure approval of the future sales tax extension needed to continue to operate the railroad and to complete the construction of the balance of the system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The San Rafael City Schools Board of Education requests SMART to honor its enabling legislation passed by the voters and to design, fund and build the SMART Pathway along the rail line from Andersen Drive to Second Street at the same time as SMART builds the rail in the San Rafael to Larkspur Operating Segment.
2. The San Rafael School City Schools Board of Education requests SMART to amend the SMART Strategic Plan 2014 so that it includes the three important Central San Rafael segments of the SMART Pathway that were removed from the 2009 SMART Strategic Plan, to wit:
 - a. Andersen Drive to Second Street
 - b. Second Street to Mission Avenue
 - c. From the path at the top of Puerto Suello Hill to the Civic Center (North San Pedro Drive)

Passed and adopted this 12th day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nayes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Michael R. Watenpugh, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Date

Natu Tuatagaloa, President, Board of Education

Date